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SUBJ: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - REGIONAL AFFAIRS

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

1. UN NOTES (CONFIDENTIAL)

SECRETARY'S STAY IN NEW NEW YORK (CONFIDENTIAL) - PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NEW YORK CONTINUE BUT
ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL VERY FLUID. MOCK-UP SCENARIOS
FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL VISITORS TO THE
ASSEMBLY AND CERTAIN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE,
BUT THERE ARE FEW FINAL DECISIONS AND,IF PAST VISITS
ARE ANY GUIDE, CHANGES ARE LIKELY UP TO THE LAST MINUTE.
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THE SECRETARIAT TELLS US THAT BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTIES
IN THE SCHEDULE, TASKING MEMOS REQUESTING THE BUREAUS
TO PREPARE BILATERAL TALKING PAPERS MAY NOT BE OUT FOR
AT LEAST A WEEK. MOREOVER FINAL DECISIONS ON THE PARTI-
CIPANTS ON THE US SIDE FOR THESE BILATERALS HAVE NOT
BEEN REACHED NOR HAVE WE WORD ON WHO THE NOTETAKERS WILL

BE.

WELLS-PETREE VISIT TO SINGAPORE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
- COMPLETING THEIR PRE-GA SWING THROUGH EAST ASIA
USUN AMBASSADOR WELLS AND DICK PETREE HELD DISCUSSIONS
LAST WEEK WITH A GROUP OF SINGAPORE OFFICIALS LED BY
THE GOS AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, KOH. THE TALKS TOUCHED
ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AFRICA AND SINGAPORE'S DISTRESS OVER
THE DOUBLING OF ITS UN ASSESSMENT. KOH ALSO NOTED THAT
ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MEETING IN SINGAPORE SEPT.
5-6 TO COORDINATE THEIR VIEWS ON UN ISSUES.

2. AFL-CIO STATEMENT (UNCLASSIFIED)

CONTARY TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF SOME, THE RECENTLY
CONCLUDED AFL-CIO COUNCIL MEETING DID NOT ISSUE A STATE-
MENT ON CHINA. HOWEVER, IT DID ISSUE A STATEMENT CRITI-
CAL OF COMMUNIST VIETNAM AND OPPOSED TO NORMALIZATION
WITH THE SRV.

3. POSSIBLE US INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REVIEW (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH A GROUP, CHAIRED BY OES, ON
THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO A REPORT REQUESTED BY
DR. BOURNE'S OFFICE ON A POSSIBLE PROGRAM OF US INTER-
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NATIONAL HEALTH INITIATIVES RELATED TO HUMAN NEEDS.
HEW, TREASURY AND AID WILL ALSO BE CONTRIBUTING MATERIAL
TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE STATE SECTION IS DUE TO BE
COMPLETED ON SEPTEMBER 2. CHRISTOPHER

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